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REMARKS

I. **INTRODUCTION**

Claims 1-49 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-49 stand provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting. Claims 1, 12, 25, 37, 41 and 42 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 ¶ 2 as being indefinite. Claims 1-4 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,122,635 to Burakoff et al ("Burakoff"). Claims 5-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burakoff in view of U.S. Patent 5,940,843 to Zucknovich et al. ("Zucknovich"). Claims 12-15, 25-29, 37-40 and 43-49 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Burakoff in view of U.S. Patent 6,236,980 to Reese ("Reese"). Claims 16-24 and 30-36 stand rejected under 35